Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the following remarks and amendments.

Claim 1-6, 8, 10-16 stand allowed, and claim 22 stands objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 21 and 23-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Great Britain Patent No. 1,499,146 (GB '146) in view of either U.S. Patent No. 3,354,576 (Gralnick '576) or U.S. Patent No. 5,865,013 (Jackson '013).

In the present Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 21 to incorporate the limitations from claim 22 and canceled claim 22. Therefore, claims 1-6, 8, 10-16, 21, and 23-26 remain pending in the present application, with claims 7, 9, 17-20, and 22 canceled.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present Amendment places all pending claims in condition for allowance. As such, it is believed that the present application is in complete condition for allowance and favorable action, therefore, is respectfully requested. Should any issues remain after consideration of this amendment, then Examiner Bui is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned at her convenience.

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